

## **Youth Athletics Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Notes**

April 22, 2009

1. Call to order:
  - a. Ricky Martinez, Mayra Lindsay, Gonzalo Nunez, Robert Bailey and Manny Rionda were present.
2. Agenda Review:
  - a. RB reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
3. Minutes:
  - a. The minutes were adopted.
4. KBAC Report:
  - a. RB stated that Jose Lopez (JL2) was appointed as the new soccer commissioner.
  - b. RB Summarized discussions with JL2 about the soccer process
  - c. JL2 addressed the board.
    - i. He requested a sub-committee to review the soccer program to evaluate the previous program
    - ii. This committee would draft a comprehensive survey to be provided to the YAAB.
    - iii. He discussed the make-up of this new committee.
    - iv. They would discuss keeping the status quo, looking for a new vendor or no vendor at all as part of their review.
  - d. The Board discussed the sub-committee and review process.
    - i. RB stated he agreed with a group looking at the program and developing a survey as long as there was adequate representation from those involved in soccer.
    - ii. RM stated that a role should be defined for this group.
    - iii. The Board discussed nominations to the committee.
    - iv. JL2 discussed Lou Marcantonio as part of the board.
    - v. ML discussed appointing a representative for girl's soccer.
    - vi. The Board agreed to give names for possible membership on the committee,
    - vii. Staff recommended a charrette type meeting where all of the public is invited to participate.
    - viii. The Board agreed this was good format.
    - ix. The Board discussed the number of people who will be on this committee.

- x. RB stated the GN could be on the committee as long as no other member of the YAAB was on the committee due to the Sunshine Law.
- xi. JK addressed the board stating that she would be able to serve if it was so decided.

5. Motion:

- a. Moved: By RB
- b. Language: Establish an ad-hoc sub-committee to look at and evaluate the soccer program with a maximum of five members with four of those members being Jose Lopez, Lou Marcantonio, Gonzalo Nunez and Fernando Morillo.
- c. Second: ML & GN
- d. Vote: Unanimous

6. The Board discussed a scope for the new group:

- a. A new survey was agreed to.
- b. The board discussed other topic to be reviewed including looking at the entire soccer program.
- c. The Board discussed any legal issues.

7. Motion:

- a. Moved: By RB
- b. Language: Retracting the motion to establish a sub-committee.
- c. Second: GN
- d. Vote: Unanimous

8. The board stated that they were in favor of a group of citizens meeting to discuss the soccer program.

- a. The board agreed a new survey would be helpful to accomplish this.
- b. Staff agreed to implement the recommended questions in a future survey.

9. Soccer Dates:

- a. Representatives from AC Milan were not present when the agenda item was reached.

10. Board Report to Council Review:

- a. RB discussed the report to council.
- b. RB stated that there was some objection to the coaches' scholarship program, but overall it was well received by the Council.
- c. RB stated that the Council requested Quarterly reports going forward.
- d. RM asked if the recommendations were adopted.
- e. Staff stated that they will have to prepare a budget impact study for the Council to review and identified in the memo that accompanied the item.

11. KBAC Board Report:

- a. RB discussed the activities at the last KBAC Board Meeting
  - i. The commissioner appointment process and resulting appointees were discussed:
    - 1. Flag Football: Jen Moore
    - 2. Volleyball: Jill Stephens
    - 3. Soccer: Jose Lopez
  - ii. Staff had forwarded the new commissioners the results of their sports survey.
  - iii. ML asked that staff forward the draft budgets as well. Staff agreed to do so. This was done on May 1st as well as meeting with the volleyball and flag football commissioners have been schedule to review the proposed budgets.

12. Election of Officers:

- a. RB stated it had been a year since the appointment of officers was completed.
- b. The Board discussed the procedure for election of officers.
- c. Staff stated Council does this at the televised meetings via nominations.
- d. GN nominated RB for Chair
- e. RB agreed
- f. ML nominated RM
- g. RB stated that missing two board members we should have everyone present.
- h. ML stated that once we establish the candidates we can vote at the next meeting.
- i. RB agreed.
- j. The nominations for Chair were seconded.
- k. RB Nominated ML as Vice-Chair
- l. ML agreed.
- m. The Board discussed the secretary position. i. The Board discussed dissolving the position.

13. Motion:

- a. Moved: By RB
- b. Language: Dissolving board position of Secretary.
- c. Second: ML
- d. Vote: Unanimous

14. Athletics Update:

- a. RM addressed the Spring Flag Football
  - i. Addressed the issue of late registration even with 4 weeks of registration
  - ii. Stated who were coaching the different teams

- iii. The games will be held on Friday night on the Village Green South after t-ball
- iv. Five teams with meeting three times a week
- v. MR asked how many participants are enrolled in other athletic programs as well
- vi. RM stated there are a few in baseball and other sports, but stated that all the teams make the playoffs so if a child misses it is ok and the coaches that drafted travel ball players understands that that is the priority
- vii. RB stated how beneficial having the early appointment of commissioners will help with all of these sports.
- b. MR addressed the Board regarding softball
  - i. He stated that that there have been several games canceled by the other cities participating in the league
  - ii. He stated one softball team has played four games were baseball has played something like eight games
  - iii. MR stated that Jill Stephens is looking at other organizations to play, especially early in the season, such as some schools
  - iv. Staff stated that the friendly games are a possibility because that it is the Village that puts the league together
  - v. MR discussed the Key Biscayne night at the Marlins. He stated that there we approximately 300 people scheduled to attend

#### 15. Board Information

- a. The Board asked if there information is on the web
- b. Staff has requested that it be placed on the Village site and forwarded the webmaster the information
- c. They asked that the agendas and past meetings also be placed on the web as well
- d. Archived videos will also be placed on the web as well

#### 16. Athletic Surveys:

- a. RM stated that the surveys are positive but the written comments are where some valuable negative information can be found.
- b. The Board discussed placing the question "what team did you play on" in all future surveys
- c. RM stated that Volleyball was the most positive.
- d. The Board and staff discussed the developing new surveys with base questions addressing all sports with subsequent question that address the unique aspects of each sport
- e. RB stated that the subject line did not state it was from the Village
- f. Staff has changed this so in the future it is clear it is from the Village
- g. GN stated that the percentage of survey replies needs to be improved
- h. RM stated that it could be done at an awards ceremony

- i. The Board agreed that any measures to increase the response without compromising the integrity of the surveys were worthwhile
- j. ML asked about the email lists

17. Athletic Budgets:

- a. Staff addressed the budgets for the different sports
- b. Staff and RB discussed the changes that were being made in the basketball program

18. New Business:

- a. RM asked about the email data base person and the online registration programs
  - i. Staff is currently reviewing programs and will be working with this individual on this program
  - ii. RB asked if the system can send text messages
  - iii. The communications staff will be trained on this new system.
  - iv. ML asked if there was a staff member dedicated to each sport
  - v. Staff responded that there are two full time staff but with the help of part-time staff this could be accomplished
  - vi. The Board discussed communication issues
  - vii. The Board returned to the earlier item about the season schedule
    - 1. Maria stated they would like the same dates as last years
    - 2. The Board agreed to keep the newly adopted schedule
  - viii. The Board discussed online registration company
    - 1. Jose Lopez stated many clubs used Demonsphere
  - ix. Jill Stephens addressed the Board about the Volleyball program
  - x. RB asked all involved to keep the email conversations in an appropriate tone

19. The meeting was adjourned.